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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A method of distributing information on a card, said method comprising the steps of:

- dividing a surface of the card into a plurality of predetermined areas;
- printing a first data portion onto a first predetermined area;
- utilising said printed first data portion when reading information stored on said card;
- and when the information stored on the card is to be updated, identifying a second predetermined area to print further information on said card, said second predetermined area not having been previously utilised to print data.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said predetermined areas are selected in a predetermined order.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said printing utilises a high resolution ink dot printer.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is printed in an encoded form having a degree of fault tolerance.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is printed in a Reed-Solomon encoded form.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is replicated in a chosen predetermined area.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said predetermined areas includes a number of border target markers indicating the location of said region.

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12. (Original)A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said border markers are utilised when reading information stored on the card to locate said predetermined areas.

13. (Original)A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said border targets comprise a relatively large area of a first colour and a relatively small area of a second colour located centrally of said relatively large area.

14. (Original)A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said card is of a generally rectangular credit card sized shape.

15-16. (Cancelled)